
OHP 1115 Medicaid Waiver 2022-2027

Community Engagement Webinar

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Today's Topics

- Health equity and community engagement
- Overview of terms
- Health-related social needs - Climate
- Feedback and questions

Health Equity Goal

- Oregon will have established a health system that creates health equity when all people can reach their full health potential and well-being and are not disadvantaged by their race, ethnicity, language, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, social class, intersections among these communities or identities, or other socially determined circumstances.

Health Equity Goal

Achieving health equity requires the ongoing collaboration of all regions and sectors of the state, including tribal governments to address:

- The equitable distribution or redistribution of resources and power; and
- Recognizing, reconciling and rectifying historical and contemporary injustices.

OHA's Commitment to Community Engagement

- We acknowledge the State of Oregon (and its systems) has perpetuated institutional, systemic, and structural barriers that have silenced the voices of communities over time.
- We recognize community-engaged health improvement is a long-term and adapting process. OHA is committed to meaningful engagement with communities via traditional and emerging mechanisms for community engagement.

OHA's Commitment to Community Engagement

- We are committed to transparency. Information will be openly and honestly shared so everyone has the benefit of the same information.
- We welcome feedback about how to make Community Engagement more inclusive and accessible.

Overview: Oregon Health Plan and the OHP 1115 Medicaid Waiver

Terms and basic information

What is the Oregon Health Plan?

Medicaid

Medicaid is the nation's public health insurance program for families. In Oregon we call it the Oregon Health Plan (OHP).

Oregon Health Plan

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) is free health coverage available to individuals—children, teens, and adults—who live in Oregon and meet income and other criteria. You can apply for OHP at any time during the year.

What's a waiver?



People are eligible for the Oregon Health Plan based on their income or for other reasons.

Federal rules set minimum standards related to eligibility and required benefits. But **states can ask to WAIVE some federal rules** to have more flexibility and offer the Oregon Health Plan to more people and cover more services than usually allowed.

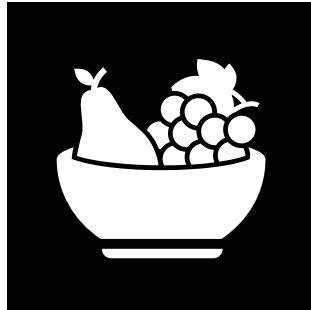
Every five years, Oregon must renew its agreement with the federal government around the Oregon Health Plan – proposing new changes and continuing existing programs. The federal government can accept or reject these proposals.

Overarching OHP 1115 Medicaid Waiver goal: *Advance Health Equity*

To achieve this, our policy framework breaks down the drivers of health inequities into actionable sub-goals:



Ensuring people
can maintain their
health coverage



Improving health
outcomes by
addressing
health related
social needs



Ensuring smart,
flexible spending
for health-related
social needs and
health equity



Creating a more
equitable, culturally-
and linguistically-
responsive health
care system

Getting and keeping OHP

In order to access waiver-related services, people must be OHP members. Apply for or check your OHP membership:

Online using the ONE Applicant Portal ([ONE.oregon.gov](https://one.oregon.gov))

- Often the quickest, easiest way to apply

Paper or PDF: OHP 7210 (fill out electronically or by hand)

Phone: 1-800-699-9075

Local ODHS Offices across Oregon

Assisters: Find one at oregonhealthcare.gov/gethelp

Health-Related Social Needs

What they are and who may be eligible

Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN)

OHP members who are facing certain life transitions will have social supports available as a covered benefit in OHP. They must also have a medical need for these resources.

- These supports include:
 - Housing
 - Nutrition
 - Climate-related needs





Transition populations eligible for HRSN services

- Youth with Special Health Care Needs, up to age 26;
- Adults and youth released from custody;
- Adults released from behavioral health residential settings;
- Youth involved in the child welfare system, including youth transitioning out;
- Individuals transitioning from Medicaid-only to dual eligibility status;
- Individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; and,
- Individuals with a high-risk clinical need who reside in a region that is experiencing extreme weather events.



What is included in HRSN covered services?

Important note: All services must not replace local, state, or federally funded services someone is already receiving.

|  Climate Supports |  Housing Supports |  Nutrition Supports |  Case Management |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Medically necessary air conditioners, heaters, humidifiers, air filtration devices, generators and refrigerators | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rent/temporary housing for up to 6 months2. Utility costs limited to households receiving rent assistance/temporary housing3. Pre-tenancy, and housing navigation4. Tenancy sustaining services5. One-time transition and moving costs, including housing deposits to secure housing6. Medically necessary home accessibility modifications and remediation services | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nutrition counseling and education2. Medically-tailored meals, up to 3 meals a day for up to 6 months3. Meals or pantry stocking for children under 21, youth with special health care needs (YSHCN), and pregnant individuals, up to 3 meals a day for up to 6 months4. Fruit and vegetable prescriptions for up to 6 months | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HRSN case management, outreach, engagement, and other benefit linkages |

Health-Related Social Needs – phase in

Currently required to roll out by 2025, we expect to begin these services in 2024

Phasing in services

Instead of offering every service to every population at the same time, we will be introducing HRSN services over 2024

- Taking the time to develop programs appropriately to meet needs
- Involving partners outside traditional healthcare system
- Meaningful connections to different services looks different for each population we're hoping to better serve

Proposed Climate Supports

A deeper dive into what is included in the 1115 waiver

Need services and supports now?

Community resources are listed at the following website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/HSD/OHP/Pages/Community-Resources.aspx>

Includes statewide resources for services such as:

- Food and Nutrition Assistance
- Health
- Housing
- Transportation
- Childcare
- Aging and People with Disabilities

Please share resources you recommend!

Questions:

- After participating in this Webinar, how would you rate your level of awareness on the topics covered?
- How can we better reach you/engage with communities?
- What topics about the OHP waiver would you like to learn more about in the future?

Thank you!

Updates and information:

oregon.gov/1115waiverrenewal

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<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDHS/signup/14507>

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